

February 8, 2006

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television Studio located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Korman, Perkins, Rivera, and Vice Chair Sunshine

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Clerk Typist
Mark J. Doddy, Community Television Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: Nishinaga, Simmons, and Carlson

Absent: NONE

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Korman led the salute to the flag.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner, Korman carried with an aye vote.*

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) November 9, 2005

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2005. This motion seconded by Commissioner Korman, motion carried with an aye vote.*

B) December 14, 2005

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2005. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, motion carried with an aye vote.*

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

B) Committee Reports

1) Producer Incentive Committee – NONE

2) 14th Annual TCTV Awards Committee - January, 2006

The ceremony was held January 27, 2006. There were more than 120 guests in attendance and it was hosted by the returning Ben McCain (CitiCABLE News Anchor) and Mark J. Doddy. TCTV Producer, Peter Baldwin led a trio for the musical entertainment, while Cindy, Ramona, and Brandy served as the evening hosts.

C) Report of the Community Television Center

- 1) December, 2005 - Coordinator Doddy discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 17 new programs were completed compared to 12 in 2004 and 18 in 2003. He also noted studio usage was down at 32%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were up at 63% compared to 45% last year. Post-production was up at 60% this month compared to 29% last year.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for December 2005. This motion seconded by Commissioner Korman, motion carried with aye vote.*

- 2) January, 2006 - Coordinator Doddy discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 7 new programs were completed compared to 4 in 2004 and 13 in 2003. He also noted studio usage was up at 53%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were at 46% compared to 48% last year. Post-production was down at 38% this month compared to 29% last year. 8 potential Users attended the monthly New Users Orientation.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for January 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Rivera, motion carried with aye vote.*

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities – January, 2006

Manager Smith gave a brief summary of the report.

U.S. Senator Conrad Burns and U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, Senior Majority Member and Co-Chairman, respectively, of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee, released today a series of principles that they believe are essential for any legislation the Committee might consider on video franchising reform.

Time Warner Inc.'s cable division turned in a solid Q4, with revenues in the period rising 13 percent to \$2.5 billion. The division also recorded full-year revenues of \$9.5 billion, up 12 percent from the previous year.

California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) President Michael R. Peevey and Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy issued a new Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights to protect consumers from fraud and abuse..

Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle broke with mayors' nationwide Tuesday by proposing to abolish local pay TV fees and to allow phone companies to sidestep the rules that cable companies currently must follow. In siding with AT&T, Pringle parted ways with state and national mayoral and municipal groups including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities and its California chapter and the National Assn. of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, a group of local government telecom officials and consultants.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the telephone company's argument that right-of-way fees assessed by Tucson and three other Arizona municipalities were unlawful and should be eliminated. The court decision is the company's latest defeat in a years-long effort to avoid paying the annual fees.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for January 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Rivera, carried with an aye vote.*

E) Old Business - NONE

F) New Business

- 1) A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Chairperson appoints a new member to the Producer Incentive Committee and appoints a new chairperson.**

Brief discussion followed.

APPOINTMENT: *Vice Chairman Sunshine appointed Commissioner Nishinaga to the Committee, and Commissioner Rivera as Chairman.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to support the appointments, this motion, seconded by Commissioner Korman, carried with an aye vote.*

- 2) A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Chairperson appoints a new member to Franchise Renewal Committee and appoints a new and chairperson.**

Brief discussion followed.

APPOINTMENT: *Vice Chairman Sunshine appointed Commissioner Simmons to the Committee, and Commissioner Perkins as Chairwoman.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to support the appointments, this motion, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, carried with an aye vote.*

- 3) **Recommendation of the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Commission accept and file a rate increase notice from Time Warner Cable concerning cable related services in the City of Torrance.**

Manager Smith reported that Time Warner Cable has announced a rate increase of 2% or \$1 for full Basic Service, a 38% or \$2.95 reduction on the Digital Cable Receiver, HDTV receiver, Digital Video Recorder. In addition, the first tier of Digital Premium Service will increase by 11% or \$1.05; second tier by 18% or \$2.00; third by 13% or \$7.00.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to accept the notice from Time Warner Cable concerning cable related services in the City of Torrance. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, carried with an aye vote.*

- 4) **A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Chairperson accept and file a report concerning the Open Mic Night for the June 6, 2006 City of Torrance General Municipal Election.**

Manager Smith reported that the Commission will host the Open Mic Night studio taping for candidates and proponents and opponents of measures with regard to the June 6, 2006 General Municipal Election. A letter will be handed out by the City Clerk, along with the Informational Sheet, Appointment form, and Television Appearance Tip Sheet, to all candidates once they file papers with her Office.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to accept and file a report concerning the Open Mic Night for the June 6, 2006 City of Torrance General Municipal Election. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, carried with an aye vote.*

G) ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) Clerk Typist Hibbard wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.
- b) Coordinator Doddy thanked the City Council and Commission for their support of the Awards ceremony.
- c) Manager Smith wished everyone a Happy Valentines and Presidents Day.
- d) Manager Smith mentioned the City Council approved a donation to the Torrance Unified School District of various video equipment that became available as a result of the Master Control Facilities Project completion.
- e) Commissioner Korman thanked staff for their hard work in putting on a fantastic awards ceremony.

- f) Commissioner Perkins said she really enjoyed the video segments shown at the awards ceremony.
- g) Commissioner Perkins thanked former Commissioner Eileen Haussmann for her assistance in soliciting donations for the awards ceremony.
- h) Commissioner Rivera expressed his appreciation for the quality of the awards ceremony. He stated he's attended many ceremonies and TCTV's is one of the best in comparison.
- i) Commissioner Sunshine also expressed his appreciation for the quality and effort put into the awards ceremony.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Sunshine adjourned the meeting of February 8, 2006 to reconvene on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable & Community Relations Manager